

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at Page 16, lines 16-24 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

When the other elementary components are prepared as such [[a]] an alkoxide mixed solution, the precursor of the perovskite-type composite oxide can be prepared by mixing the organometal salt solution of the part of the elementary components with the alkoxide mixed solution to prepare a homogenous mixed solution, coprecipitating the homogenous mixed solution upon hydrolysis by adding water thereto, and drying the resulting precipitate typically by vacuum drying or forced-air drying.